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- 1. DCM MEET WITH COSTA RICAN FONMIN-DESIGNATE GONZALO FACIO AS REQUESTED IN BRAY-GONZALEZ TELCON. FACIO CONFIRMED HE WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON BEARING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WHICH HE HOPES TO DELIVER THROUGH SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE. FACIO DESCRIBED LETTER AS COMPLETELY NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND READ EXCERPTS. NOTE: TEXT APPEARS IDENTICAL TO TEXT TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY EXCEPT FOR DELETION (BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT) OF ONE OR TWO PHRASES ON PAGE 5 OF POUCHED VERSION. FACIO SAID SEVEN PRESIDENTS HAVE SIGNED TO DATE: COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PERU, VENEZUELA. THERE MAY BE MORE SIGNATURES PROVIDED OTHER PRESIDENTS WILLING ACCEPT PRESENT TEXT WITHOUT FURTHER CHANGES. APPEARS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS OF PLACING SIGNATURES ON SAME DOCUMENT HAS BEEN FORMIDABLE.
- 2. FACIO STATES PLAN IS FOR HIM TO PRESENT LETTER TO SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE WITHOUT FANFARE. THERE WILL BE NO DELEGATION AND PRESS REPORTS THAT OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA IS PART OF EXERCISE ARE INCORRECT. IT WOULD BE CALL ON SECRETARY-DECONFIDENTIAL

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SIGNATE BY FONMIN-DESIGNATE. FACIO, OF COURSE, WOULD EXPECT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS MR. VANCE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF LETTER. SIGNERS HAVE NO INTENTION OF PUBLISHING LETTER.

3. REFTEL RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE CONVERSATION BUT FACIO CONTACTED AGAIN REGARDING HIS PREFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENT. FACIO ACCEPTS IN

PRINCIPLE APPOINTMENT OFFERED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, OBVIOUSLY PREFERRING MORE RELAXED OCCASION. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOP HERE, FACIO RETURNING SAN JOSE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9. HE WILL PROBABLY CONFIRM JANUARY 18 APPOINTMENT THROUGH AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN SAN JOSE BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR MIAMI EARLY TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 FOR FEW DAYS VACATION IN FLORIDA. HE SAID FONOFF IN SAN JOSE, FONMIN BOYD, AND GOCR AMBASSADOR SILVA IN WASHINGTON WOULD ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO CONTACT HIM.

4. FACIO EXPRESSED HOPE HE MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO PAY BRIEF FAREWELL COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER. JORDEN

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